(a) whether any rule or convention has been laid down within the last four or five years to the effect that Examiners (including Paper-setters) for the School Final Examinations should not ordinarily be appointed from among the College Lecturers and Professors in the State;

(b) and, if so, what are the reasons which prompted the authorities concerned to lay down such a rule or convention?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Please see the answer to question No. 407.

Appointment of Examiners for the S. F. Examination.

409. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state the general policy or principle, if any, on which Examiners (including Paper-setters) for the School Final Examinations of the State are appointed?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Selection of Examiners depends upon the following factors:—

1 Service in the department.
2 Scholarship.
3 Efficiency.
4 Reliability.

(b) As far as possible, seniority consistent with other essential factors is carefully looked into before recommendation is made. No officer can be considered to have a right to get the examinerships in virtue of any one or two of the above conditions.

The Board considers the merits of each individual and then decides as to the fitness of the person for the examinership in each particular subject.

The discussions in the meeting of the Board are kept strictly confidential.

410. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state the general policy or principle, if any, on which Examiners (including Paper-setters) for the School Final Examinations of the State are appointed?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Please see the answer to question No. 409.

Examiners for the S. F. Examination.

411. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish a list of the names of Examiners including Paper-setters appointed for the School Final Examinations of March 1931 and of March and September 1932?

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